

wishing to participate, the Board consider extending the time for holding the meeting beyond February 8, 2002. We agree. We will suspend the current procedural schedule, and adopt a new schedule after notices of intent to participate are filed.

Finally, AAR's letter expresses concern over potential antitrust exposure in the event that any proposals relating to the interchange issues under consideration could involve collective discussion of prices, rates, or tariffs. We do not want to prejudice or limit the type of permissible dialogue in a way that could undercut resolution of the matters at issue, but our purpose in asking the parties to attempt to resolve this matter in the private sector has been to make the interchange process work better, not to provide a forum for parties to collectively discuss specific rates for specific situations. Thus, in our view, if discussion of rate matters takes place, it should be of a general nature. Such general conversations—particularly given that they would be undertaken pursuant to our request—would not in our view subject the participants to antitrust exposure. And as long as any such conversations that may implicate rates are kept to a general nature, they should not undercut what we hope could be a favorable outcome here, which is the development of a framework in which parties can conduct bilateral negotiations to work out interchange issues of the sort that precipitated this proceeding. If at any point it becomes evident that antitrust issues are a concern, we will be available to address the situation.

This action will not significantly affect either the quality of the human environment or the conservation of energy resources.

It is ordered:

1. Interested parties shall file notices of intent to participate, as described above, by January 28, 2002.
2. The procedural schedule established in our prior order is held in abeyance pending further order.
3. This decision is effective on January 17, 2002.

Decided: January 9, 2002.

By the Board, Chairman Morgan and Vice Chairman Burkes.

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

January 9, 2002.

The Department of the Treasury has submitted the following public information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling the Treasury Bureau Clearance Officer listed. Comments regarding this information collection should be addressed to the OMB reviewer listed and to the Treasury Department Clearance Officer, Department of the Treasury, Room 2110, 1425 New York Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20220.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before February 19, 2002 to be assured of consideration.

Internal Revenue Service (IRS)

OMB Number: 1545-1423.

Regulation Project Number: PS-106-91 Final.

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: State Housing Credit Ceiling and other Rules Relating to the Low-Income Housing Credit.

Description: The regulations provide the order in which credits are allocated from each State's credit ceiling under section 42(h)(3)(C) and the determination of which states qualify for credits from a National Pool and of credits under section 42(h)(3)(D). Allocating agencies need this information to correctly allocate credits and determine National Poole eligibility.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit, Individuals or households, Not-for-profit institutions, State, Local or Tribal Government.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 110.

Estimated Burden Hours Per

Respondent: 2 hours, 30 minutes.

Frequency of Response: Other (One time per event).

Estimated Total Reporting Burden: 275 hours.

OMB Number: 1545-1624.

Notice Number: Notice 98-52.

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: Cash or Deferred Arrangements; Nondiscrimination.

Description: Section 1433(a) of the Small Business Job Protection Act of 1966 requires that the Service provide nondiscriminatory safe harbors with respect to section 401(k)(12) and section 401(m)(11) for plan years beginning after December 31, 1998. This notice implements that statutory requirement.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit, Not-for-profit institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 60,000.

Estimated Burden Hours Per

Respondent: 1 hour, 20 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Total Reporting Burden: 80,000 hours.

Clearance Officer: George Freeland, Internal Revenue Service, Room 5577, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20224.

OMB Reviewer: Alexander T. Hunt (202) 395-7860, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

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Department Reports Management Officer.

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Internal Revenue Service (IRS)

OMB Number: 1545-1632.

Regulation Project Number: REG-118662-98 Final.

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: New Technologies in Retirement Plans.

Description: These regulations provide that certain notices and consents required in connection with distributions from retirement plans may be transmitted through electronic media. The regulations also modify the timing requirements for provision of certain distribution-related notices.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit, Individuals or households, Not-